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MEMORANDUM FOR: George Cary, OLC
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SUBJECT : Amendments to the Freedom of Information Act
REFERENCE : Memo of 30 December 1977, same subject

1. In addition to the concerns raised by the Director in the referenced memorandum, I believe the Agency's image has suffered unnecessary damage and the public has been misled because of the FOIA requirement to release bits and pieces of information. Three good examples are:

- a. MKULTRA and related programs --- It is impossible to convince the public that these programs had their origins in the Fifties and were terminated in the early Seventies.
- b. Glomar
- c. Israeli firing on the Liberty -- Because of the partial and unevaluated disclosures, the public has reached a conclusion that is contrary to the one arrived at if all the material is taken into account.

2. The Berlin Tunnel operation, NUMEC and the Kennedy assassination are just three FOIA requests and appeals that have potential for similar damage.

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